

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) The dry analytical element as claimed in claim ~~1~~ 14, wherein said hydrophilic bottom surface is a polymer layer ~~is provided on said water impermeable support.~~

3. (Currently Amended) The dry analytical element as claimed in claim 2, wherein said hydrophilic bottom surface is a reagent layer, wherein said reagent layer includes polymer layer ~~is the reagent layer including the reagent that is necessary for analysis.~~

4. (Currently Amended) The dry analytical element as claimed in claim ~~1~~ 14, wherein the shape of the compartment ~~partitioned by the frame~~ is tetragon.

5. (Currently Amended) The dry analytical element as claimed in claim ~~1~~ 14, wherein the shape of the compartment ~~partitioned by the frame~~ is hexagon.

6. (Currently Amended) The dry analytical element as claimed in claim ~~1~~ 14, wherein the shape of the compartment ~~partitioned by the frame~~ is circular.

7. (Currently Amended) A dry analytical element ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of:

a water impermeable support and;

a mesh layer which is applied on, wherein said mesh layer defines compartments on the surface of said water impermeable support, said compartments having:

a hydrophilic bottom surface, and

an open top surface; and

reagent necessary for analysis in said compartments.

8. (Currently Amended) The dry analytical element as claimed in claim 7, wherein hydrophilic ~~polymer layer is provided~~ bottom surface is disposed between said water impermeable support and said mesh layer.

9. (Currently Amended) The dry analytical element as claimed in claim 8, wherein said hydrophilic ~~polymer layer~~ bottom surface is ~~the~~ a reagent layer ~~including, wherein said reagent layer includes~~ the reagent that is necessary for analysis.

10. (Currently Amended) The dry analytical element as claimed in claim 9, wherein said mesh layer is a punching sheet.

11. (Currently Amended) The dry analytical element as claimed in claim 7, wherein the shape of the mesh layer is tetragon.

12. (Currently Amended) The dry analytical element as claimed in claim 7, wherein the shape of the mesh layer is hexagon.

13. (Currently Amended) The dry analytical element as claimed in claim 7, wherein the shape of the mesh layer is circular.

14. (New) A dry analytical element consisting essentially of:

a water impermeable support;

a water impermeable frame body which defines a compartment in said water impermeable support, said compartment having:

a hydrophilic bottom surface, and

an open top surface; and

reagent necessary for analysis in said compartment.